Constitution of Federal Investigation Agency

†1780. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a federal investigation agency is proposed to be constituted to investigate the terrorist incidents as well as to take effective action thereon;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether State Governments agree with the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The issue of setting up of a federal/central investigating agency to enable investigation of selected cases of terrorism that may have Inter-State or International linkages and pose a direct threat to the national security, and related crimes such as hijacking, Fake Indian Currency Notes from outside the country, *etc.*, has been under consideration of Government in consultation with State Governments and the Law Ministry, *etc.* It is now proposed to bring in a Bill for legislation in this regard.

Terror attack on Mumbai

†1781. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists reached Mumbai *via* sea route from Karachi to execute the incident of terror attacks on Mumbai in November, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had this information in the past years that terrorists will use sea route to enter India; and

(d) if so, the time when Government had received this information in the past and the additional security arrangements made following this information?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) A series of terrorist attacks involving indiscriminate firing, throwing of grenades and bomb blasts at 13 locations, including Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Leopold Caf, Taj Hotel, Oberoi-Trident Hotel and a building called 'Nariman House, took place in Mumbai BETWEEN 26 AND 29 November, 2008. According to information gathered during the course of investigation so far, 10 Pakistani nationals belonging to the Lashkar-e-Toiba, a proscribed terrorist outfit, had left Karachi on November 23, 2008; boarded a launch by the name of *Al-Hussaini*; accosted and hijacked an Indian fishing vessel, *M.V. Kuber*, killed its occupants;